

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Colfax, Wash., is projecting a fruit fair, to be held just before the big one at Spokane in September.

May G. Sheeks has been granted a divorce in the superior court from Ben Sheeks, who is a lawyer at Tacoma, Wash., on the ground of desertion.

All the telephones at Mare Island, Cal., have been removed and in a few days fifty will arrive from the East. The government has decided to have its own system.

Near Gridley, California, on Sunday night the residence of Trotter Houlday, with a family of five, was destroyed by fire, and Mr. Houlday and his wife, Mrs. May Ferrill, perished in the flames.

United States Circuit Judge Gilbert has designated Friday, July 12, as the date for the final hearing in the Oregon Short Line and Utah Northern foreclosure case.

Laramie Boomerang, July 1: Ora Harty received forty-seven cars of cattle from Milford, Utah, last night. After branding them he will take them to the range, where they will be fattened for market.

The Vancouver Island Indians are formally protesting against the new fishing regulations of the Dominion department. They threaten to assert what they claim as their natural right, risking even imprisonment.

On June 29 C. F. Jeffries shipped from Glendale, Salt River valley, Arizona, the first carload of grapes this season from any part of the United States. They are Thompson's seedless, and were consigned to T. A. Thomas & Son, Chicago. This is by six weeks the earliest shipment of grapes ever made in the United States.

Sixty-five cars of stock cattle were shipped from Waiilatpu, Wyo., to Montana a few days ago, and later ninety-eight more were shipped from the same place to the latter point. These cattle were purchased in northern California and Oregon, and will be placed on the stock ranges of Montana. A corporation of that state purchased the entire lot.

Davis County Clipper: John Wandell, A. Combs and Fred Combs have struck one of the finest mining prospects that has been found in this locality. It is located at the head of Farmington canyon, near the little lake. N. L. Darling, the noted mineralogist, has been up to see the claims and thinks it is the only true fluorspar vein that has ever been found this side of Park City.

The people of Algodones, a small Mexican settlement near Albuquerque, N. M., are excited over the theft of a big band of sheep belonging to Don Francisco Archibegne and the murder of his two herders, Pedro Lobato and Maximino Sandoval. The supposed murderer, who is driving the sheep southward, is being trailed by a score of determined men, and is caught will be lynched without ceremony.

John Hennessey, a painter, aged 55 years, was killed Wednesday morning by a fall from a swinging scaffold. The descent was fifty feet and the man

went headforemost. The accident occurred at the Douglass school, San Francisco. C. Dunn and J. Swarp, two other painters who were engaged with Hennessey on the school building, fell at the same time, but escaped with their lives, though both were severely hurt.

At Vancouver (B. C.), July 3, three canneries and a lumber mill were burned along the Fraser river, with a total loss of about \$135,000, the insurance amounting to about half. The Lalulaw cannery at Sapperton, owned by Ritchie, of Victoria, was also destroyed by fire, the loss being estimated at \$20,000. The same day two more canneries, the Phoenix and Dominion, at Stevenson, were burned, the loss being estimated at \$35,000.

Mary A. Starr, widow of the late A. D. Starr, of Oakland, Cal., who was known at one time as the "flour king" of the coast, is insane and there appears to be no hope for her recovery. Monday Charles R. Johnson was appointed guardian of the unfortunate woman in order that some small property interests she has in Oakland might be properly cared for by a local representative. Mrs. Starr has never been informed of her husband's death. The only child of the Starrs is Mrs. Ada D. Borchgrevink, wife of the United States consul to Egypt.

Walter R. Lambert, ex-clerk of the police court of Oakland, California, was sentenced on Monday to serve five years in San Quentin for stealing \$500 of the city's money. Lambert got away with \$1600 in cash, but the prosecution proved the theft of only \$500, and let it go at that. The conviction and sentence of the prisoner was not only a surprise to him, but it was a shock to his political friends. It was generally supposed that Lambert had a powerful political pull, and that it would be brought to bear in order to keep him out of the penitentiary. At the last moment, however, his political friends deserted him, and that determined his fate.

There has been considerable excitement in Cheyenne over the discovery that a young girl from Carbon, Wyo., had been betrayed and taken to a house of ill fame at the capital by A. W. Moore, a Singer sewing machine agent. She is Miss Margaret Jones, aged 17, and has been employed as a servant girl at the house of a millionaire. Moore ruined her, and then placed her in the house stated. Sunday night she became discouraged and tried to kill herself. She swallowed a considerable amount of poison, but the fact was discovered and a doctor summoned in time to save her life. She has lost her employment, her honor, and said she had no further use for life.

In the list of unknown depositors published by the Hibernia Bank of California, about two years ago, appeared the name of Kate Welch with a credit of \$10,191.70. The large amount of money awaiting a claim attracted the attention of many Welches and their next of kin, but none were able to prove a definite

relationship. Sores of Kate Welches were found, but of these none had the deposit book, though many were willing to be considered the rightful person. The real owner, however, has just been discovered in an insane asylum in Reno, Nevada. The bank book was found in her clothing when she was taken to the asylum, but no particular attention was paid to it until the bank search.

The Enterprise Reservoir & Canal company of St. George is making good progress on its Enterprise dam, situated on Shoal creek, about six miles below Hebron, in Washington county, says the Iron county Record. The dam when completed will be eighty feet in height and will store a body of water forty feet in depth, one mile in length and half a mile in width. Its estimated capacity will be fifteen hundred acres. So far, solid mason work has been done on the dam to the extent of twenty feet in height and ninety feet in length. The stone work at the base is twenty feet in width. The dam proper, when finished, will be eighty feet in height and ninety feet in length. The estimated cost will be \$40,000.

This, concerning the Mormon colonies in Chihuahua, Mexico, is given in the last issue of the Deming, New Mexico, Headlight: Several Mormon families from the colonies in Mexico were in town this week buying provisions. J. A. Mahoney, James A. Kinney, N. A. Bolich and others will leave for a trip through the Mormon colonies and the country south in Mexico about the 1st of next month. Mr. Thompson, a Mormon settler of Colonia Juarez, and who has just returned from a two years' mission to Denmark, brought with him a Danish family of children, leaving this city with the children for the Mexican colonies yesterday. Mr. Thompson expects about 150 families from Denmark soon to locate in the Mexican colonies, and when they arrive he will return to Deming and meet them.

The Kern County Land company, California, has placed an order with a Bakersfield firm for a complete abstract of all its landed property in Kern county, which consists of all the old Hagen and Carr interests. These embrace about 35,000 acres of the best land in the Kern delta, extending for a distance of about sixty miles north and south and thirty miles east and west, on the western side of the Southern Pacific railroad. There are over 1,500 miles of irrigating canals on the property, which take water from the Kern river. There are about 50,000 acres sown to alfalfa and \$1,000,000 has been expended in fencing. W. D. Carr, who has had an interest in the property for twenty-five years, recently disposed of his interests for \$1,000,000 and 10,000 acres of fine swamp land and retired from the firm. The abstract of this property will cover about 60,000 type-written pages, and will require a year to complete it.

At Portland (Or.) on July 3, great excitement was caused by the opening of a panorama of the Chinese war by two Japs. Pictures in front showed the Japs slaughtering the Chinese in various ways. Hundreds of Chinese gathered in front of the show and were wild with rage. One got bricks and